



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : Zhang, et al.  
SERIAL NO : 09/976,346  
FILED : October 12, 2001  
TITLE : BIODEGRADABLE PLANT PROTEIN COMPOSITES AND  
RELATED METHODS

Grp./A.U. : 1653  
Examiner: : Chi-Min Kam  
Conf. No. : 2317  
Docket No. : P04706US2

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application for one month from March 15, 2002 to April 15, 2002.

Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27. A small entity statement under 37 CFR 1.27 has already been filed in this application.

A check for \$55.00 for one month is enclosed to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 26-0084.

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A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edmund J. Sease', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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